

Remarks

Claims 1-27 were rejected under 37 USC § 112, second paragraph. In response to the Examiner's proposal, the applicants have amended paragraph [0008] of the specification to provide clarification on the function of the elastomeric shear layer, as referenced in US 6,769,465 B2. Claims 1-27 would be allowable as a result of this correction. No new matter is introduced by this amendment.

Therefore claims 1-27 should now be in a condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions, please contact the Applicant's attorney as indicated below.

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